

Welcome

A *meridian* can be defined as "the highest point reached by a heavenly body in its course."¹ Although we are not literally in heaven, we have been placed, as believers in "heavenly places in Christ Jesus" (Ephesians 2:6). As we set our aim of *Lifting Christ Higher*, focusing on Heaven, and seeking to continually draw nearer to Jesus, then we will begin to comprehend those "heavenly places" as more of a reality than just some words on a page.

Please accept our heartfelt thanks for choosing Meridian as the place for you to give honor and praise to our wonderful Savior on this Lord's Day. We trust that you will come to know and understand more fully the relationship you can have in Jesus Christ.

¹ Webster's New World Dictionary. ©1971.

Meridian Online



Contact

Scott Kliever (Pastor)
Cell (Phone or Text): 316-727-1390
Email: pastor@mbcnewton.org

Caleb Wood (Assistant Pastor)
Cell (Phone or Text): 318-294-6777
Email: assistant@mbcnewton.org

Jerroll Martens (Pastor Emeritus)
Cell (Phone or Text): 316-288-3622

Sermon notes

Behold, Your King! Matthew 2:19-23

Jesus is the King and deserves to be considered so in your own life.

1. His Kingship is authenticated by Heredity (1:1-25)

Test of proper connections.

2. His Kingship is authenticated by Homage (2:1-12)

Treatment received from subjects.

3. His Kingship is authenticated by Hostility (2:13-18)

Threat it poses to others.

4. His Kingship is authenticated by Humility (2:19-23)

Temperament of the Sovereign.

A. God Arranged His Humility to demonstrate His Insight (19-22)

There is a change on the throne, Archelaus taking over the area of Judah, but he was no better than his father.

B. The Prophets Announced His Humility for us to be Informed (23)

The significance of being a Nazarene? The prophets announced it, but we find not specific record of this being said.

Isaiah 11:1 – "Branch?"

What they said that was not recorded?

A truth that was insinuated?

Psalm 22:6; 69:8; Isaiah 53:3

Jesus was despised and rejected.

C. The People Added to His Humility for us to see their Insensitivity and Ignorance (Luke 4:16-30; Mark 6:1-6)

Luke 4 – the people are stirred up by Jesus announcing His lack of acceptance

Mark 6 – the people are indifferent and offended by Him – they fall away

He "marveled" at their unbelief

His humility should draw us to Him.



December 29, 2024



Scott Kliever
Pastor

Caleb Wood
Assistant Pastor

1130 West Broadway
P.O. Box 321
Newton, Kansas 67114

316.283.6380

info@mbcnewton.org

~ December 29, 2024 ~

*We extend a warm WELCOME!
If you are visiting today,
Connect Cards are available for you
to register as our special guest.*

SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:30am

MORNING WORSHIP 10:40am

Hymns – (Blue) 212, 218, 210

Scripture Reading: Matthew 2:19-23

EVENING SERVICE 6:00pm
Singspiration & Testimonies;
Communion

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

Young people ages 4 - 4th grade are invited to be dismissed before the sermon for age-related teaching.

THIS WEEK AT MERIDIAN

Tue, 11:30AM – Lunch Bunch @ The Breadbasket

Tue, 6:00PM – Soup Supper and Fellowship

Wed – NO activities

Thur, 7PM – Rescue Mission (Tom Hummingbird)

THANK YOU

“My sincere appreciation for the carolers and the gift bag last Sunday night. Your continued thoughts and support for me are greatly appreciated. Thank you and God bless.” **Pastor Martens**

LOOKING AHEAD AT MERIDIAN

Jan 5 (Sun, 4:30PM) – Deacons mtg.

Jan 8 (Wed, 6:30PM) – Resume Bible Seekers

Jan 16 (Thur, 7PM) – Ladies Bible Study

Jan 17 (Fri, 5:30-10PM) – New Hope Outreach

Jan 18 (Sat, Noon) – Barnabas Class Fellowship Luncheon

Jan 21 (Fri, 5:30-10PM) – New Hope Outreach

Jan 25 (Sat, 9AM) – Meridian Mighty Men Fellowship

Feb 6 (Tue, 1PM) - Pastor Kliewer departing on Mission trip

SOUP SUPPER

On Tuesday night, New Year's Eve, we will gather for a Soup Supper at **6:00PM**. Folks are encouraged to bring their favorite soup to share, along with other food items and desserts. The supper will be followed with a brief service and prayer time to ask God's blessing for the new year. Those who would like to stay for games and fellowship after the service are invited to do so, even until midnight if they desire, to welcome in the New Year. **Bringing extra snacks and games for the fellowship time is encouraged.**

SECRET PRAYER SISTERS

It is enrollment time for our Secret Prayer Sisters ministry. If you are interested in participating in 2025 you may secure your name exchange form from **Peggy George**. Names will be drawn the first part of January for the year. Any other questions about the program may be directed to **Peggy**.

OFFERING ENVELOPES

Systematic giving to God's work is a Biblical mandate and should be practiced by obedient Christians. **Offering Envelopes are available under the bulletin board next to the Church Office** to aid you in this practice. By using this method, you are provided with a reminder and our Financial Secretary will be able to maintain your giving record in a discreet manner. It will also provide you with documentation at the end of the year. If you are not currently using this system and would like to begin doing so, please find an unmarked box and begin using the envelopes. The Financial Secretary will note your envelope number and offering accordingly. Otherwise, please find the box with your name on it. We pray for God's blessing upon you for your generosity to His work.

2025 CALENDARS

BIEM has again provided some calendars featuring their ministries for your use. The calendars are located on the shelf below the bulletin board.

BULLETIN BOARD NOTES

Please notice various Christmas cards, letters, and thank-you notes on the bulletin board.

NURSERY SCHEDULE

**Dec 29 – AM – Daina / Peggy
PM – Kathy / Deidra**

**Jan 5 – AM – Daina / Peggy
PM – Sarah / Elijah**